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In re application of: Arjen BRANDSMA et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

61 Sub-15. (New) Belt (1) for use in a continuously variable transmission, in particular for automotive application, comprising at least one set (7) of nested metal rings (2), the set (7) interacting with transverse elements (3, 6) provided slidably